

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Edward J. Stashluk, Jr. et al  
Serial No.: 10/697,485  
Filing Date: October 30, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 3625  
Examiner: Michael Misiaszek  
Confirmation No.: 7404  
Title: MERCHANDISE RETURN SYSTEM WITH VALUE  
ADDED RETURNS PROCESSING (DATA  
COMMUNICATIONS)

**MAIL STOP AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 5, 2007, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and comments.